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SUBJECT : DACCA PRESS "QUOTES" DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY DUBS
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1. DACCA NEWSPAPERS, BOTH ENGLISH AND BENGALI, MAY 19
CARRY PAGE ONE NEWS STORIES OF INTERVIEW WITH DEPUTY
ASSISTANT SECRETARY DUBS FILED BY GOLAM RASUL MALLICK,
CHIEF EDITOR OF EASTERN NEWS AGENCY, NOW IS US AS IVP
GRANTEE. IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE PRESS, ARTICLE IS HEAD-
LINES "US TO EXPAND TIES WITH BANGLADESH" AND "US
FIRM TO BUILD INFORMAL TIES WITH BANGLADESH."

2. COMPLETE ENGLISH TEXT FOLLOWS: QUOTE: (ENA) :
THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS RENEWED ITS DETERMIN-
TION TO BUILD INFORMAL TIES WITH BANGLADESH ON THE BASIS
OF FREIENDLY COOPERATION, COMMON UNDERSTANDING AND MUTUAL
RESPECT FOR EACH OTHER, CABLES ENA CHIEF EDITOR GOLAM
RASUL MALLIC.

THIS WAS STATED BY STATE DEPARTMENT SENIOR AIDE
ADOLPH DUBS, HEAD OF SOUTH ASIA DESK, IN AN EXCLUSIVE
INTERVIEW TODAY.

ANSWERING QUESTIONS ON US-BANGLADESH RELATIONS, THE
STATE DEPARTMENT AIDE DESCRIBED THOSE AS 'WARM AND FRIENDLY'
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AND ADDED THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THESE TWO COUNTRIES ARE

GROWING STRONGER OVER THE YEARS.

HE SAID, THE UNITED STATES WAS PLEASED TO FIND THAT THE RELATION BETWEEN HIS GOVERNMENT AND BANGLADESH WAS DEVELOPING SATISFACTORILY. HE POINTED OUT THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WAS HAPPY IN BEING HELPFUL TO BANGLADESH IN ITS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

REFERRING TO THE QUANTUM OF ECONOMIC AND FOOD AID GIVEN BY THE US HE SAID HIS GOVERNMENT WIS S WELBEING #

OF THE PEOPLE OF BANGLADESH. HE ALSO EXTENDED HIS GOVERNMENT'S GREETINGS TO PRESIDENT BANGABANDHU SHEIKH MJUIBUR RAHMAN. HE WAS PARTICULARLY PLEASED THAT THE BANGLADESH PRESIDENT ONCE AGAIN PASSED THROUGH THE UNITED STATES ON HIS WAY BACK HOME FROM THE KINGSTON COMMONWEALTH SUMMIT CONFERENCE. END QUOTE.

3. DACCA NEWSPAPERS CONTINUE ACCOUNT WITH ADDITIONAL STORY ON US AID, OBVIOUSLY FILED BY MALLICK BUT NOT ATTRIBUTING SOURCES OF INFORMATION. THIS TEXT IS QUOTE:

ENA ADDS: THE UNITED STATES HAS PROVIDED 311.6 MILLION DOLLAR WORTH OF ECONOMIC AND FOOD AID TO BANGLADESH FOR THE CURRENT YEAR, ENA LEARNT HERE.

THE CURRENT YEAR'S FOOD AID WAS 8.5 LAKH TONS WHICH EXCEEDS THE REQUEST OF BANGLADESH GOVERNMENT.

THE QUANTUM OF ECONOMIC AND FOOD AID WOULD BE MAINTAINED IT WAS FURTHER LEARNT.

THERE WAS BROAD INDICATION THAT THE INCREASED WOULD DEPEND ON THE ABILITY OF THE BANGLADESH GOVERNMENT TO MANAGE AND ASSIMILATE THESE AIDS. END QUOTE.
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